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SUBJ: ATTACK ON MILITARY TECHNICAL ACADEMY

REF: CAIRO 2588

1. CAIRO PRESS OF APRIL 26 REPORTS THAT NEWS BAN ON ARTICLES ABOUT ATTACK ON ACADEMY HAS BEEN LIFTED. LATEST DETAILS, AS RELEASED BY GOE AND PUBLISHED IN PRESS OF APRIL 25 AND 26 CONCERN:

A. PURPOSE OF ATTACK. AS CONFESSED BY SARIYYA, GOAL WAS TO FOLLOW UP SEIZURE OF ACADEMY BY MOVING TO ASU BUILDING AT TIME OF SADAT'S DELIVERY OF "OCTOBER PAPER" AND DEMAND SADAT'S RESIGNATION. IF THIS SUCCEEDED, SARIYYA WOULD HAVE SET UP NEW REGIME BASED ON TEN PRINCIPLES, INCLUDING ATTENTION TO FAIT, MORALS, AND WORK CREATION OF UNITY (LIBYA IS NOT MENTIONED BUT MAY BE IMPLIED) AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.

B. THE ORGANIZATION. MEMBERS STATE THAT THEY WERE RECRUITED FROM MOSQUES, UNIVERSITIES AND SECONDARY SCHOOLS; IN THIS CONNECTION, SARIYYA CONTACTED MOSLEM BROTHERHOOD LEADER HASSAN HODEIBI (WHO DIED SEVERAL MONTHS AGO) AND OTHER IKHWANISTS, DISCUSSING WITH THEM THE ESTABLISHMENT OF AN ISLAMIC STATE. SEVENTY FIVE PERSONS HAVE BEEN THUS FAR ARRESTED IN CONNECTION WITH AFFAIR, INCLUDING 16 FROM ACADEMY AND TWO FROM NAVY.

C. THE PLAN. PLANNERS MET ON APRIL 12, 15 AND 16 TO DRAW UP FINAL OPERATION. ON APRIL 17, SARIYYA CALLED FOR ORGANIZATION  
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MEMBERS TO MEET IN ABBASIYYA SQUARE ON PRETEXT OF ATTENDING

RELIGIOUS LECTURE, AND WERE BRIEFED WHEN THEY MET(ONE MEMBER OF ORGANIZATION WITHDREW FROM ORGANIZATION AT THIS POINT AND INFORMED GOE AUTHORITIES). KNIVES AND MILITARY UNIFORMS WERE DISTRIBUTED. SIGNAL FROM INSIDE ACADEMY WAS RECEIVED, WHEREUPON ONE GROUP ATTACKED MAIN ACADEMY BUILDING, FOLLOWED BY SECOND WHICH WENT FOR ARMORY. SECOND GROUP WAS MET BY ACADEMY GUARDS, AND ATTACK WAS THWARTED FOLLOWING FIGHT. REMAINDER OF GROUP MEMBER, STANDING OUTSIDE ACADEMY, FLED.

FOREIGN INVOLVEMENT. FOLLOWING RETURN OF SARIYYA FROM LIBYA IN 1973, "HE BEGAN TO TALK TO THOSE CLOSE TO HIM ABOUT THE NECESSITY OF CHANGING SOCIETY BY FORCE."

2. COMMENT: AT THIS POINT, AFFAIR APPEARS TO BE RECEDING SOMEWHAT AND WITH RELEASE OF MORE INFORMATION, GOE IS ATTEMPTING TO DEMONSTRATE THAT MATTER IS ENTIRELY UNDER CONTROL. SECURITY PRECAUTIONS CONTINUE TO BE IN EFFECT, BUT REACTION APPEARS TO HAVE DEVELOPED WITHIN UNIVERSITIES OR ELSEWHERE. LEVEL AND TONE OF ANTI-LIBYAN PRESS ARTICLES HAD NOT INCREASED SINCE YESTERDAY.

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